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In the claims:

1. (Amended) A fitting and pipe section assembly that is capable of being installed in tubing of a jetted bath to render the tubing adaptable to accept a close fit device, comprising:
a pipe section having a center segment integrally formed with inlet and outlet end portions of the pipe section for fluid flow coupling to an inlet and an outlet of the tubing;
first and second fittings disposed on the inlet and outlet portions of the pipe section;
wherein the center segment of the pipe section may be selectively removed leaving the inlet and outlet portions including the first and second fittings; and
wherein the pipe section may accept the close fit device between the inlet and outlet portions of the pipe section.

4. (Amended) The fitting and pipe section assembly of Claim 1, wherein the close fit device may be removably secured to the fittings by a fastening assembly.

6. (Amended) The fitting and pipe section assembly of Claim 4, wherein the close fit device has an inlet and an outlet with flanges positioned at the inlet and outlet; wherein the fastening assembly comprises an outer seal which may be positioned between the fitting and the

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